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Dear Mr. Amarel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that was sent electronically to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FOIA office. You requested a copy of the last 200 pages of emails sent to, from, or copied to [DHS-oig.officepublicaffairs@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:DHS-oig.officepublicaffairs@oig.dhs.gov). DHS located one (1) page within their files that originated at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST). This page was referred to DOT for processing.

The referred page is attached electronically, except for the name of an individual that is being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). Exemption 6 permits the withholding of information about individuals “in personnel and medical files and similar files” when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and 49 CFR 7.23(c)(6). Exemption 7(C) provides protection for law enforcement information the disclosure of which “could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C) and 49 CFR 7.23(c)(7)(iii).

I am the person responsible for this determination. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to Judith S. Kaleta, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590. If you prefer, your appeal may be sent via electronic mail to [ost.foia.appeals@dot.gov](mailto:ost.foia.appeals@dot.gov). An appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this determination and should contain any information and arguments you wish to rely on. The Deputy General Counsel’s determination will be administratively final.

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